

# city college news

## Crystal Apple Awards salute teaching excellence

The George Brown College Foundation has announced this year's recipients of the Crystal Apple Awards. These Awards are given to honour outstanding professors, as nominated by GBC students.

"Throughout a student's education, teachers motivate, challenge and inspire," says Margo Sheppard, Executive Director. "I think it is so nice that the Foundation is able to give teachers a little public recognition for their dedication to the learning experience and their commitment to quality education."

Please join in congratulating this year's award recipients and all the teachers who were nominated for the Crystal Apple Awards. Thanks go to the founding donor of the Crystal Apple Awards, Mr. Paul C. Carder. Through this program we are supporting a student-centred learning environment of learning excellence here at George Brown - The City College.

If you have any questions about the Crystal Apple Awards, please feel free to contact the Foundation Office, Room 536E, St. James Campus. Tel: 416-415-5000, ext. 2405/2063.

The following are this year's Award recipients, along with some of the comments made by their student nominators.



Robin Buyers of the Faculty of Community Services & Health Sciences is the recipient of the College-wide Crystal Apple Award.

### The College-wide Crystal Apple Award

**\$5,000 prize**

**ROBIN BUYERS**

Centre for Community Services & Development

*"Robin runs around like the Energizer Bunny with so many things to do in so little time, teaching with a passion that few others can match and yet always manages to have a smile on her face."*

*"Robin Buyers is a professor who demands a lot from her students, and expects and gives nothing less of herself."*



Chef Mario Gozzi and Luz Balbin

### Division Awards \$2,000 each

**CHEF MARIO GOZZI**

George Brown Chef School

*"Chef Gozzi has inspired in us a life-long passion for learning about food."*

**JOHN WILLS**

Centre for Advanced Building Technologies

*"The reason why John Wills is beyond excellence is because of the passion that he brings to the classroom to give to me."*

**LORRAINE WRIGHT**

The School of Design

*"Lorraine has taught me that learning is a two-way relationship. She makes me feel as if my desire to learn more inspires her to challenge me more."*

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## Staff invited to Paramount on Oct. 23 for special showing of Mission Possible

All staff is invited to the **Paramount Theatre** on **Wednesday, October 23** for a special show called **Vision 2003: Mission Possible**, featuring the debut of George Brown's president Frank Sorochinsky on, or least near, the big screen.

The location - a glitzy theatre at the corner of John and Richmond streets - was chosen to dramatize college's position less than one year from the double-cohort in fall 2003.

In his multi-media address, Sorochinsky will highlight the inspiring successes made towards Vision 2003 at the college in the past year and outline challenges and exciting opportunities for all staff in the coming months. The audience will also get a sneak-peek at the eagerly-awaited recommendations of the Student Life Cycle team.

And forget about buying popcorn! The event will kick off at **8:30 am** with a deluxe continental breakfast created by Catered Affaire.

At **9:30 am** Sorochinsky, along with other college staff, will take to the stage to discuss and show:

- College successes of the past year to streamline processes and increase student satisfaction.
- George Brown's position in a rapidly changing environment in which Ontario colleges offer applied degrees.
- The far-reaching findings and recommendations of the Student Life Cycle team.
- The opportunities for all staff to enhance their working lives and contribute their creativity and energy to the college in new ways.

Staff who register for the event by **October 17** will be entered into a **prize draw** for movie passes with refreshment vouchers. Simply leave a message on ext. 6070 or email [vision2003@gbrownc.on.ca](mailto:vision2003@gbrownc.on.ca). Check your pay stubs for more information.

# New Dean of Business & Creative Arts shares a passion for change

You might say that Maureen Loweth, George Brown's new Dean of the Faculty of Business & Creative Arts found her calling on a trip to Japan with her son this past spring. "That's when I began to think what was next for me. After more than 20 years of building a career in the investment management industry, I saw an opportunity to step out and reassess my career goals."

Her new way of thinking eventually led to George Brown, where Loweth says she can best apply her interests and skillsets. "I like to be building and fixing things and working in a fast paced environment with lots of flexibility and challenge. I felt my work in the investment industry was largely done, and although I loved my work, I knew I had to be passionate about what I did every day."

Loweth says her career path allowed her the opportunity to acquire experience in a number of different areas, including customer relations, operations, sales, training and



education for firms such as AGF Management, Franklin Templeton and Fidelity Investments.

She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology from Trent University, a discipline which, she says, has been very helpful in her work. "It has served me so well in many

ways. When you think of the dynamics within a corporation or community-based organization, social anthropology really helps in understanding the inherent systems and beliefs."

Her association with George Brown has evolved over the years, where Loweth has been involved with the

Program Advisory Committee for the School of Business and later, the Board of Governors. "That brought me closer to the life of the college, the vision, and the key strategic initiatives. I was impressed and delighted in being part of the great change I saw happening at George Brown."

In assuming the role of Dean on October 1, Loweth says she is particularly excited about entering an environment where "There are major, positive changes that have been initiated by Paul Carder and his team, among others. I was terrifically impressed as an industry member with what the college has achieved over the last few years. These changes are turning the place around!"

She adds that there is much to build on, including the new Centre of Excellence for Financial Services, the new Bachelor of Applied Business degree and the upcoming collaborations with Bruce Mau's The Institute without Boundaries and the Soulpepper Theatre Company. "I have the rare opportunity to step into some exciting opportunities that are already underway and to carry on with some wonderful work."



## Lieutenant Governor to speak at GBC forum

The Honourable James K. Bartleman, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, will be delivering the opening address at the 4th Annual World Mental Health Day Forum. The forum is being sponsored by Redirection Through Education (RTE) and George Brown College Training Services. RTE is a community mental health program for individuals experiencing emotional or mental health difficulties.

Entitled "From Survival to

Recovery: The Relationship Between Childhood Trauma and Adult Mental Illness", the event is being held Wednesday, October 9 from 9:00 am to 12 noon at St. Lawrence Hall, 157 King Street East. Psychotherapist and media personality David Schatzky will serve as moderator for panel discussions that will include psychiatrist and instructor Jacinta O'Hanlon; activist Angela Robertson; author and consumer advocate Lana Prado; and

University of Toronto research scientist Christine Wekerle. Dr. Clare Pain, psychiatrist and Clinical Director of the Psychological Trauma Assessment Clinic at Mt. Sinai will deliver the keynote address.

Registration fee is \$65. To register, or to find out more about the event, contact **ext. 4791** or email **training@gbrownc.on.ca**. The brochure can be found on the GBC website under Events.

# Crystal Apple Awards (continued from page 1)

## School Awards \$500 each

**LUZ BALBIN**  
Centre for Nursing

*"Since knowing Luz as a teacher, my eagerness to strive for the best I can be and contribute to the nursing profession has increased. She educates her students by challenging their abilities and has high expectations. She takes pride in what she does and teaches."*

**JULIE CICHON**  
School of Fashion & Creative Technologies

*"Julie gives an equal amount of sincere respect to all of her students, and demands nothing less in return. She has encouraged me, motivated me, and continues to do so with a look of pride, which reflects as confidence in myself."*



Crystal Apple Award winners (l to r) John Wills, Julie Cichon, Lorraine Wright and Jamie McIntyre.

**MICHAEL HLINKA**  
Centre for Financial Services Education

*"Michael always presents himself to the class with bursting energy and enthusiasm. I never met a teacher with such a desire to see his students succeed."*

**JAMIE MCINTYRE**  
Centre for Advanced Microelectronics

*"Jamie McIntyre is great at encouraging students to learn and maximize their potential. He is an excellent professor; the best we've ever had. The Crystal Apple Award would be a small thank you for a professor who has affected many, and helped much."*

## SuperBuild update

With one building up and running, the SuperBuild project is definitely gaining more visibility in the community. The following is the latest update:

**Sally Horsfall Eaton**  
Centre for Studies in Community Health,  
Ryerson University Campus

With construction near completion, the Centre was ready for occupancy on August 28. The Early Childhood Education program moved from the Nightingale campus and began full classroom activities on September 3, where staff and students have been enjoying the state-of-the-art facilities (see photo above right). The finishing touches, including exterior landscaping, were targeted for completion by the end of September. This project was completed ahead of the original schedule and within budget.



Sally Horsfall Eaton Centre

### Casa Loma Campus

The basement and building foundations are near completion (90%), and the steel frame is now on site and is scheduled for completion (including roof) by mid-November. Target for the full building permit is October 2002. The project remains on budget and on schedule for the June 2003 completion date.

### St. James Campus

The structural steel frame, including floor decks and roof, is now complete, as are the floor slabs and stairs. The construction crews are currently working on the exterior masonry, interior partitions and ceilings, fire-proofing, electrical and mechanical rough-ins and elevators. This project remains on budget and on schedule for January 2003 completion.

## TRAINING NEWS

This is a reminder that there is still time to register for the following training sessions being held during intercession week (October 21 to 25):

### Multiplicity in the Classroom

Monday, October 2  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
St. James campus

This workshop is for faculty members. Lunch will be served. Please note: There are only 15 seats left for this workshop so register soon!

### WIDS Training

October 22 to 25,  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm,  
St. James Campus

Limited to 15 participants.

### New Staff Orientation

Friday, October 25  
9:00 am to 12 noon  
500 MacPherson Avenue,  
Boardroom

This session is for new support staff, faculty and managers hired after August 21 (or for those who were unable to attend the August 21 session). For further information call Bob Cox, 416-415-5000 ext. 4659.

### Support Staff

#### Appreciation Week

October 22 to 24  
Casa Loma and St. James.

There will be a variety of workshops of interest to support staff, from *Managing the Email Monster* to *Personal Financial Planning*. A kick-off breakfast will be held at Casa Loma campus and a kick-off lunch will be held at St. James. Watch for the brochure to get details and registration information.

To register for any of the above sessions, contact Linda Purser at ext. 4661.

## Theatre School Productions

November 6 to 16	<i>The Threepenny Opera</i>
November 30 to December 7	<i>The Wind in the Willows</i>
February 12 to 23	<i>Angels in America: Millenium Approaches</i>
April 15 to 26	Spring Repertory Season: <i>Lady Windemere's Fan</i> and <i>The Visit</i>

Performances are staged at the George Brown Theatre, 530 King Street East with the exception of *The Wind in the Willows*. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, and pay-what-you-can for Saturday matinees. Evening performances begin at 8:00 pm, Saturday matinees at 2:00 pm. For more information, call George Brown Theatre at 416-415-5000 ext. 2167.

*The Wind in the Willows* will be playing at the Family Theatre at Hart House. Tickets are \$8 each for general admission and can be ordered through the Hart House Box Office at 416-978-8668. Public performances are on Saturday, November 30th and Saturday, December 7 at 2:00 pm. Weekday school/group shows run December 2 through 7 at 10:30 am and 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$4 each for groups and must be booked through George Brown Theatre.

## news briefs

### Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services celebrating 30 years

On Friday, October 4, the George Brown Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services will be holding a 30th Anniversary reunion. This semi-formal event is open to all former students and staff who have used the services of the Department, including Head Start, CPP, Deaf Futures and Academic Upgrading programs. The doors open at 6:00 pm, with opening ceremonies starting at 7:00. There are door prizes to be won as well as early-bird registration prizes, including a flat-screen television and DVD player. To register for the event, visit <http://members.rogers.com/gbcreunion>. Tickets are \$30 per person.

### It's time for the 2002-2003 CSB Payroll Savings Program

The Canada Savings Bonds Payroll Program for series 2002-2003 is now available and once again George Brown College is pleased to offer all permanent full time employees the opportunity to save easily and securely through automatic payroll deductions. Interest rates for these series will be released in the next few weeks.

The application deadline date is Friday, October 25, 2002. Details have been attached to your last pay stub. For further assistance, please contact your payroll representative.

Call Nasim Bhanji, Payroll Manager at 416-415-5000 ext. 4002 or email [nbhanji@gbc.gbrownc.on.ca](mailto:nbhanji@gbc.gbrownc.on.ca) for more information.

## upcoming events

**Vision 2003: Mission Possible** (see story page 1)  
*October 23 (8:30 am)*  
Paramount Theatre, Richmond and John Streets  
Call 416-415-2000 ext. 6070 or email [vision2003@gbrownc.on.ca](mailto:vision2003@gbrownc.on.ca)

**George Brown College Day**  
*November 9 (11:00 am to 4:00 pm)*  
St. James and Casa Loma  
For more information visit [www.gbrownc.on.ca](http://www.gbrownc.on.ca)  
Call Rosalie Starkey 416-415-5000 ext. 4842

**Free Career Planning Workshop**  
*October 7, November 4, December 2 (6:30 to 9:30 pm)*  
St. James Campus, 200 King St. E., Room 461D  
Call 416-415-2000 ext. 3444 and press 1 to register.

**Free True Colors® Workshop**  
*October 21, November 25, December 9 (6:30 to 9:30 pm)*  
St. James Campus, 200 King St. E., Room 461D  
Call 416-415-2000 ext. 3444 and press 3 to register.

**Hospitality Discovery Days**  
*October 2, November 14, December 3, January 29 (2:00 to 4:00 pm)*  
Hospitality & Tourism  
Take a complete tour of the facilities, see demonstrations by chef/instructors, etc.  
Call Heather Comrie 416-415-5000 ext. 2239

**Ontario College Information Fair 2002**  
*October 21 (6:00 to 9:00 pm), October 22 (9:30 am to 1:30 pm)*  
Toronto Centre for the Performing Arts, 5040 Yonge Street  
Call 416-491-5050 ext. 2008

**Ready, Set, Cook and Win**  
*October 23*  
Hospitality & Tourism  
Call Heather Comrie 416-415-5000 ext. 2239

**4th Annual World Mental Health Day Forum**  
*October 9*  
St. Lawrence Hall, 157 King Street East  
Call 416-415-5000 ext. 4791

### Correction Notice:

In the September 16 issue of CCN, it was stated that the Gramm equipment donation to the Dental Technology program was valued at \$4,000. The value of the donation in equipment and materials totals \$5,500. The company is also offering an additional \$1000 student award.

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